

Informing on unfit pilots in Sweden



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Who is required to inform?



- All medical practitioners
- The Police
- Psychologists
- Law Courts
- Transport Agency internal rpt.

Police, Doctors, Psychologists

If a police authority finds reason to assume that any holder of a student licence, a licence, a certificate of qualification, an approved foreign licence or certificate of qualification does not fulfil the requirements for holding the document, the authority shall notify the Swedish Transport Agency of this.

If a doctor or a psychologist in the course of an examination of anyone as specified in the first paragraph finds that they are unsuitable as holder of a student licence, pilot licence, certificate of qualification or approval, the doctor or psychologist shall notify the Swedish Transport Agency of this.

Chapter 12, section 5, Aviation Ordinance (2010:770)

Swedish law courts

Section 3. A court shall immediately send a copy of the sentence and information about the pilot licence to the Swedish Transport Agency if a holder of a pilot licence has [been convicted of]

[Summary of reportable crimes]

Reckless driving, drunk driving, hit-and-run, driving w/o license, drunk subway-train-driving , drunk train-driving, murder, manslaughter, assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, various sex crimes, robbery, theft, arson, sabotage, forced interfering with the maneuvering of an aircraft, violence or threat thereof against a public official, resisting arrest.
(and more)

What are the consequences of a reported conviction?

The current regulation does not mandate (or indeed allow) revocation or limitation of licenses solely on the grounds of criminal convictions. However, psychiatric/psychologic impairment is not uncommon in the criminal population and a conviction could trigger an investigation leading to a revocation/limitation.

Transport Agency internal reporting

The Swedish Transport Agency consists of

- The Civil Aviation and Maritime Department
- The Driving License Department
- The Road And Rail Department

Information on license holders is shared among the medical units in the respective departments

Transport Agency internal reporting

The AMS is informed if any of the following "drivers license events" occur:

- Drunk driving
- Drivers license revocation
- Being severely intoxicated in public

How well does the system work?

Police, Doctors, Psychologists

Probably not 100%, mainly due to ignorance.
However, the Germanwings disaster has improved the medical community's awareness of these rules.

In specific cases, information can be obtained by informing responsible doctors of the Aviation Ordinance.

Law Courts

Almost not at all, the AMS is currently informing the legal system of these rules.

Transport Agency internal reporting

Probably close to 100%

Several reports per month

Public opinion on the information sharing

Virtually nonexistent

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